परिवहन का एक बढ़िया साधन है। उपयुक्त पर्यावरण प्रबंधन योजना, जोखिम विश्लेषण और सुरक्षा संबंधी मानकों के अनुपालन से आई डब्ल्यू टी से प्रदूषण नहीं फैलता। तथापि, पर्यावरण पर पड़ने वाले प्रभावों का विस्तृत मूल्यांकन, जोखिम विश्लेषण और विस्तृत पर्यावरण प्रबंधन योजना जैसे अनेक प्रयास किए गए हैं ताकि अन्तर्देशीय जल परिवहन से इन जलमार्गों में प्रदूषण न फैले। सुन्दर वन और पश्चिमी तटीय नहर में इस प्रकार के अध्ययन किए जा रहे हैं।

Utilisation of surplus agricultural produce through modern processing units

1686. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) what policies have been formulated by Government to utilise the surplus agricultural produce in rural areas through modern processing units;

(b) whether Government have implemented any schemes in Gujarat State in the food processing sector during 1994-95; and

(c) if so, what achievement has been made in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Government is encouraging establishment and expansion of food processing industries in the country which would inter-alia include utilisation of agricultural and horticultural produce in the rural areas. For this purpose, various policy measures and incentives including fiscal incentives have been provided. Besides, Ministry of Food Processing Industries is also operating various Plan Schemes during the 8th Plan period for the development of this sector.

(b) and (c) While the Ministry does not set up any food processing unit directly, financial assistance under the Plan Schemes is provided to State Government Organisations/joint sector companies/ cooperatives societies/voluntary organisations etc. for setting up/ upgrading food processing industries. During 1994-95, financial assistance of Rs. 9.81 lakhs has been provided under the Plan Schemes covering Grain and Fruits & Vegetables Processing Sector. The new industrial policies and the various incentives provided by the Government have resulted in filing 249 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda with an investment of approximately Rs. 3,432 crores and employment of 36,993 persons in Gujarat till October, 1995. Besides 36 approvals for setting up 100% Export Oriented Units/Joint Ventures etc. in food processing sector involving an investment of Rs. 329 crores and employment of 4980 persons have been granted in Gujarat with a foreign investment of Rs. 96 crores.

Of these 209 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda involving an investment of Rs. 2132 crores and employment of 33,905 persons are in respect of non-urban areas.

Finalisation of National River Conservation Plan

1687. SHRI NAGMANI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KAHN AZMI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the National River Conservation Plan;

(b) what are the details of the rivers and the towns in different States where the Action Plan is proposed to be implemented; and

(c) the funds earmarked therefor and the contribution of States therein, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) to (c) The Central Government has approved the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP), whose objective is pollution abatement of 18 rivers in 10 States as a centrally sponsored scheme with equal sharing of